

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Monday, January 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors Rivers, DeLorenzo, Washington, Neuwirth and Deputy Mayor Gamble

Also present were: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Discussion of Town owned properties and possible marketability

Councilor Gamble presented a map of Bloomfield town owned properties for possible marketability. She made a suggestion to possibly offer land parcels to abutting land owners.

Mr. Philip Schenck, Jr., Town Manager agreed with the suggestion to place properties “back on the grid” for productive use.

He also inquired about the town’s goals for affordable housing. He further gave some statistics regarding the state zoning capacity and density with units per acre.

The committee discussed the following areas of interest for consideration:

- West Eggleston Street
- South Cottage Grove Road – several wetland areas, if there were possible drainage in those areas, the town could possibly utilize for housing developments
- Trolley Lots – No clear titles
- Rockwell Avenue – between Chapel Road and Blue Hills Avenue (P. Faith McMahon Library and the Bloomfield Early Learning Center (BELC). This location would be excellent for affordable housing

Councilor Rivers suggested speaking with Mr. Thom Hooper, Director of Planning to actively pursue abutting land owners of the property areas of concern.

Mr. Schenck, Jr. stated that Habitat for Humanity is pursuing more land parcels to build more affordable homes in town. He also stated that Mr. Hooper is in the process of preparing a memorandum to the full Council with his suggestions regarding these property areas.

Councilor Neuwirth recommended an actual starting point for town administration and staff to focus on.

It was moved by Councilor Neuwirth, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gamble and voted unanimously to recommend to the full Town Council the pursuit to sell and dispose of land parcels.

Councilor Neuwirth also suggested to have more business outreach with town businesses.

Mr. Schenck, Jr., stated that there are over 1000 businesses in the Town of Bloomfield. The goal of the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce as many events as possible to connect with businesses and an Economic Development consultant.

However, there has some movement regarding Economic Development, there are 78 new constructed housing units being built on Filley Street.

Other Business

Recognition of Businesses

Councilor Gamble asked members of the committees to forward some suggestions prior to the next Council meeting.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councilor Washington, seconded by Councilor Rivers and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.